GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXTRADITION TREATY WITH SOUTH EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to sign an extradition treaty with South East Asian Countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the countries chosen for the said purpose; and

(c) the extent to which this would help in handing over criminals to India and mutual cooperation between these countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) It is the policy of the Government to sign extradition treaties with as many countries as possible including with South East Asian Countries.

(b) India has signed an extradition treaty with Philippines, which is yet to enter into force. Discussions for concluding extradition treaties with Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore are at initial stages.

(c) The extradition treaties provide a legal framework for seeking extradition of fugitive offenders charged with extraditable offences.